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U1. GORKOGO, 11 MOSCOW, USSR

DEAR ENGINEER ARUTYUNOV:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 20. I AM PLEASED WE AGREE THAT WE CAN CONSIDER THE WORK OF THE FORECASTING AND

COST/BENEFIT GROUP COMPLETED AND THAT WE CONCENTRATE ON

COMPLETION OF THE COMMON COMMUNICATIONS FORMAT PROJECT. THE DRAFT REPORT, CONVEYED BY MY LETTER OF NOVEMBER 24, 1976, THEREFORE, CAN SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR OUR REPORT TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE U.S.-U.S.S.R. JOINT COMMISSION.

AS TO YOUR SUGGESTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN MOSCOW OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION AT THE END OF MARCH 1977, I SHOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THAT WE LIMIT THIS TO A MEETING OF THE GROUP ON COMMON COMMUNICATIONS FORMAT. ALSO, I SUGGEST A DATE IN THE LATTER HALF OF APRIL OR EARLY MAY. THIS WILL ALLOW EACH SIDE TO COMPLETE ITS ANALYSES OF CURRENT EXPERIMENTATION AND TO PREPARE FOR A PRODUCTIVE MEETING.

WE WOULD PROPOSE TO SEND FOUR PERSONS, AMONG WHOM WOULD BE MR. THOMAS HUGHES, THE U.S. COORDINATOR OF THE GROUP, MR. LAWRENCE LIVINGSTON, COUNCIL ON LIBRARY RESOURCES, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE, AND A TECHNICAL EXPERT WHO HAS CONDUCTED THE EXPERIMENTATION WITH THE SOVIET SAMPLE TAPES. ALTHOUGH MR. HUGHES WILL BE WRITING SEPARATELY TO DR. K.V. TARAKANOV ABOUT SCHEDULING THE MEETING, PERHAPS YOU COULD INFORM DR. TARAKANOV ABOUT OUR SUGGESTIONS AS WELL.

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING WOULD BE TO ACHIEVE A FINAL UNDERSTANDING ON ANY REMAINING TECHNICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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THE MEETING SHOULD LAST TWO OR THREE DAYS; HOWEVER, THE GROUP WOULD BE WILLING TO SPEND ABOUT TEN DAYS FOR PURPOSES OF CLOSER INTERACTION WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES AND SITE VISITS TO INFORMATION CENTERS AND FACILITIES TO DISCUSS COMMON INTERESTS.

HOPING THAT OUR SUGGESTIONS ARE AGREEABLE TO YOU, I AWAIT YOUR EARLY REPLY. BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION DURING 1977'

SINCERELY,

LEE G. BURCHINAL

U.S.	CHAIRMAN,	WORKING GROU	UP ON SCIENTIFIC	C AND T	TECHNICAL
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